

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-11, 13-29, 31-36, 40, 42, and 43 have been allowed. Claim 12 has been amended to correct minor informalities and objections as requested by the Examiner. Claims 37-39 and 41 have been canceled. Claims 1-36, 40, 42, and 43 are now pending in this application.

In Section 4 of the Office Action, claim 12 is objected to based on informalities. Examiner requested amendment of the term “incoming beam path” to read “input beam path” and of the term “reflected return beam” to read “reflected beam.” Applicants thank Examiner for detecting these discrepancies. Claim 12 has been amended accordingly. As a result, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

In Section 5 of the Office Action, claims 30 and 37 were objected to as being substantial duplicates of each other. Claim 37 has been canceled. As a result, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

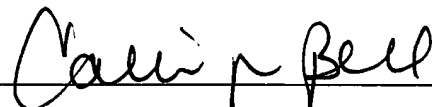
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers

submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

Respectfully submitted,

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